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New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at socotransmission.com.

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:

I was not able to attend a meeting

Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Project Purpose and Need, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Other, Proximity to Residences
OTHER: Deviation from existing utility corridors

Property Uses:

Residential, Other
OTHER: Recreation and reforestation

Comment:

Wow, just when I thought things couldn't get worse. My mother passed away on May 5, my dad died on June 28 and now I find out that route 66 would run right below my property on Major Peak. This is a house that I spent all of 2006 and 2007 designing and building with my own hands.

Have you folks even driven down Majors Ranch Road to see that this is a residential area - not agricultural?

I-150-001

My property has been described as the best views and one of the best built homes in all of Huerfano County. Your power line along proposed route 66 would render a half-million dollar property virtually worthless on the real estate market. Not that I intended to sell. My goal for this property was to leave this house to a very dear friend for whom this house was custom built. This is a legacy property - a home that was built to last 200-plus years.

Now please don't see me as a hypocrite who uses electricity but doesn't want the transmission line in their own back yard (NIMBY). My home sits completely off grid. I generate my own electricity with wind and solar power with no transmission lines, thus keeping system costs and environmental impact to a minimum.

I-150-002

What environmental impact study have you done in the area? I'll bet none. You probably aren't aware of horned lizards in the area - a species that can halt construction.

There is no compelling reason to place the needed transmission line outside the existing utility corridors. Unless you want me in the yards of Tri-State executives, tearing shit up with my pickup truck, I suggest you stay out of my back yard.

Rich Stromberg
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Huerfano County

I-150-001: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-150-002: NEPA Process (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. has requested financial assistance from the USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), for their anticipated ownership interest in the proposed San Luis Valley – Calumet - Comanche Transmission Project. RUS has determined that funding Tri-State's ownership interest is a federal action requiring analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). RUS is the lead federal agency for NEPA, and will consult with other federal, state, and local agencies, and affiliated tribes as well as adhere to applicable regulations.

Additional information regarding the NEPA process can be found on the RUS project website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/enviro.htm>.

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<http://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=2&ik=760671f559&view=pt&search=inbox&msg...> 8/27/2009

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